

**Department of Historic Resources
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack

DHR Id#: 001-0027-0054

Resource Identification

Property Name(s): WFF # F-015 - Outdoor Tennis Court {Current}
Property Date: 1946
Address(s): Avery Street and Stubbs Boulevard
..... {Current}
County/Independent City: Accomack
Vicinity of: Chincoteague
State, Zip: Virginia 23337
USGS Quad Name: CHINCOTEAGUE WEST
Surrounding area: Rural

National Register Eligibility Status
Property is Historic (50 years or older)

Resource Description

Ownership Status: Public - Federal
Acreage: 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Chimneys	Chimneys - None		
Foundation	Foundation - Slab	Concrete	Foundation - Poured
Porch	Porch - None		

Site Description: Set in a level open area adjacent to an open field to the southwest.

WUZIT Count:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	Tennis Court	Historic

NR Resource Count:

Individual Resource Information

WUZIT: Tennis Court

<u>Est. Date of Construction:</u>	1946 {Owner/written data}	<u>Accessed?</u>	Yes
<u>Primary Resource?</u>	Yes	<u>Number of Stories:</u>	0.0
<u>Architectural Style:</u>	Other	<u>Condition:</u>	Good-Fair
<u>Interior Plan Type:</u>	Open	<u>Threats to Resource:</u>	Deterioration Neglect

Description: The northern half of this tennis court has been resurfaced a number of times and sits slightly raised above the original section of the south half. The south half of the paved recreational area is open, the northwestern portion of which has been made into a basketball court with two freestanding angled metal poles with backboards. The north half, which contains four individual courts, is enclosed by tall chain-link fence. The court surfaces are colored green and marked with white lines while the surrounding surface is a reddish-pink asphalt/concrete surface; eight round metal posts support the four nets of each court. Five tall wood poles support lights that illuminate the northwestern half of the enclosed court space.

Cemetery Information

Bridge Information

National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): Military/Defense

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Historic Time Period(s):..... S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement: This tennis court was built in 1946 as a recreational component for the Chincoteague Naval Auxiliary Air Station (CNAAS) and Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). The resource is identified as "F-15 Tennis Courts" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was similarly identified on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" and the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" both of which were prepared by the U.S. Navy. It is located in a level area beside an open field, on the corner of Avery Street and Stubbs Boulevard.

This building is an example of a recreational facility that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The Outdoor Tennis Court has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

The resource is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D. It is not associated with any event or individual significant at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential.

The resource has lost its integrity due to alterations to the resource and its setting. The resource's integrity of materials and workmanship has been adversely affected by numerous resurfacing efforts. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure's integrity of setting, feeling and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

Bibliographic Documentation

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Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: Giffels and Valet, Engineers and Architects, Detroit, Michigan. "General Plot Plan – Auxiliary Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1950.

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation:

Notes: "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

Ownership Information

Graphic Media Documentation

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Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2004/07/99

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 200 Orchard Ridge Drive, Suite 101
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

CRM Event # 2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: Reconnaissance Survey

Date: 2003/08/08

Organization or Person: URS Group

VDHR Project ID # Associated with Event: .. 2003-0571

CRM Event Notes or Comments: 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700
Bethesda, MD 20814